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MAYOR EDDIE PEREZ RECEIVES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR HIGH SCHOOL REFORM IN HARTFORD

HARTFORD, CT – Mayor Eddie A. Perez is pleased to announce that Hartford is one of five cities that will receive a technical assistance grant from the National League of Cities (NLC) to expand options and innovations in high school education.

The goal is to foster strong high school learning communities by developing and sustaining reform strategies that prepare college-ready graduates – including those students most at risk of dropping out.

“I am thrilled that Hartford was chosen to participate in this 24-month technical assistance effort which will help us identify and implement strategies that will address our community challenges in strengthening high school education,” said Mayor Perez. “This also falls in line with my Higher Education Initiative which will increase the number of high school students attending four year colleges.”

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will provide financial support to the project and the initiative will be carried out by NLC’s Institute for Youth, Education, and Families (YEF Institute).

“To be the recipients of this technical assistance grant is quite exciting,” said Hartford School Superintendent Robert Henry. “Improving the quality of education is important

and by receiving this grant it only enhances our goal to transform high school education in order to prepare our students for 21st century success.”

The other cities that were selected for the technical assistance grant were Corpus Christi, Tex., Phoenix, Ariz., Providence, R.I., and San José, Calif. Each city will work with a local project team consisting of city officials, school district representatives and other community leaders to plan and implement improvement efforts.

The National League of Cities is the largest national organization for American cities. NLC serves as a resource and advocate for 18,000 cities, towns, and villages of all sizes, from New York City to Bee Cave, Texas, which collectively serve 225 million people.